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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 10, 2010. A Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months from November 10, 2010 to, and including, February 10, 2011 is submitted herewith. Please charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60005(49991). Applicants believe that no other fees are due for consideration and entry of this paper. Nevertheless, Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60005(49991).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.